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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 12, 2003, Robert Sachs (President and CEO); Jill Luckett (Vice President, Program Network Policy), and Diane Burstein (Deputy General Counsel) of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his Legal Advisor, Johanna Mikes-Shelton, to discuss pending issues in the above-captioned proceeding.

Consistent with our written comments in the above-captioned proceeding, we argued that the FCC should adhere to its January 2001 ruling that interpreted "primary video" to mean a single digital video program stream. In addition, we argued that the Commission should not grant broadcasters must carry rights for their digital signals until they have returned their analog spectrum. Finally, we discussed issues relating to the cable industry's voluntary carriage of digital broadcast signals, and reported that as of September 2003, cable operators carried more than 230 different commercial and non-commercial digital broadcast signals.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Diane B. Burstein**

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cc: Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Johanna Mikes-Shelton